

REMARKS

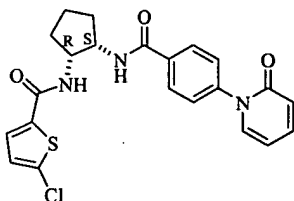
Status

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application.

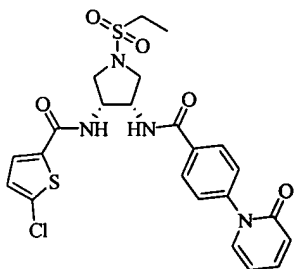
Discussion

Applicants' representative, David H. Vance, Ph.D., J.D., thanks Examiner Shaio for the helpful and courteous telephone discussion of May 12, 2006. During the discussion, it was agreed that Applicants would elect Examples 1, 87, and 97 (see below for names and structures), for examination purposes, and the Examiner would draw a new restriction group encompassing the three elected species. The names and structures of the elected species are as follows. Accordingly, Applicants have elected Examples 1, 87, and 97.

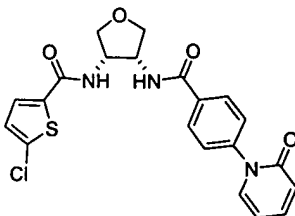
Example 1: (1*R*, 2*S*)-5-Chloro-thiophene-2-carboxylic acid {2-[4-(2-oxo-2H-pyridin-1-yl)-benzoylamino]-cyclopentyl}-amide



Example 87: (3*R*, 4*S*)-5-Chloro-thiophene-2-carboxylic acid {1-ethanesulfonyl-4-[4-(2-oxo-2H-pyridin-1-yl)-benzoylamino]-pyrrolidin-3-yl}-amide

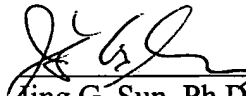


Example 97: (3*S*, 4*R*)-5-Chloro-thiophene-2-carboxylic acid {4-[4-(2-oxo-2H-pyridin-1-yl)-benzoylamino]-tetrahydro-furan-3-yl}-amide



In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for examination on the merits. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any questions or believes further discussion will aid examination and advance prosecution of the application, a telephone call to the undersigned is invited.

Respectfully submitted,



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